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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on January 1, 2018. The inventory was 8 percent above January 1, 2017. The inventory included 7.34 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.15 million head, up 16 percent from 2017.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million head, 1 percent above 2016. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 410,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 445,000 head, and 800-899 pounds were 279,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 100,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million head, 1 percent below 2016.
Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during December, 35 percent above 2016.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 490,000 head on January 1, 2018. The inventory was 4 percent above last month and 14 percent above January 1, 2017. During December, placements in feedlots totaled 83,000 head, up 28 percent from the previous year. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 60,000 head, up 15 percent from December 2016. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head during December, unchanged from December 2016.

Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – States and United States

State	Number on feed January 1 ¹			Placed during December		Marketed during December	
	2017	2018	Percent of previous year	2016	2017	2016	2017
	1,000 head	1,000 head	percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Arizona	250	269	108	30	29	30	20
California	430	490	114	65	83	52	60
Colorado	900	970	108	130	120	135	135
Idaho	260	255	98	38	35	36	38
Iowa	600	700	117	104	100	102	98
Kansas	2,170	2,290	106	395	400	430	405
Minnesota	150	160	107	19	21	14	15
Nebraska	2,370	2,610	110	450	460	440	425
Oklahoma	300	315	105	54	54	43	52
South Dakota	230	250	109	38	32	46	39
Texas	2,420	2,640	109	365	385	365	385
Washington	185	210	114	32	27	41	30
Other States	340	330	97	65	53	43	50
United States	10,605	11,489	108	1,785	1,799	1,777	1,752

State	Other disappearance during December ²		Number on feed by class January 1 ¹			
			Steers and steer calves		Heifers and heifer calves	
	2016	2017	2017	2018	2017	2018
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Arizona	1	1	242	258	8	11
California	3	3	400	440	30	50
Colorado	5	5	570	565	330	405
Idaho	2	2	180	175	80	80
Iowa	2	2	460	530	140	170
Kansas	15	15	1,170	1,190	1,000	1,100
Minnesota	1	1	125	127	25	33
Nebraska	10	15	1,510	1,640	860	970
Oklahoma	1	2	190	185	110	130
South Dakota	2	3	135	145	95	105
Texas	10	20	1,710	1,730	710	910
Washington	1	2	115	140	70	70
Other States	2	3	215	210	125	120
United States	55	74	7,022	7,335	3,583	4,154

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.